

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR JOINT INVENTORS
(Not Accompanying Application)**

As the below named coinventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names. On March 30, 2000 we filed Application Serial No. 09/538,165 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled as follows: GENETIC MARKERS FOR IMPROVED MEAT CHARACTERISTICS IN ANIMALS, the specification and drawings of which are attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification and drawings, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code Of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56. We further declare that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed by us, our legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America except as identified below:

NONE.

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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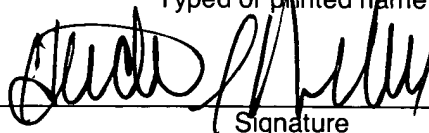
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